

To W. L. Garrison.

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Syracuse, Sep. 9<sup>10</sup>  
1863.

My dear Friend,

I learn from the Libera-  
tor, that you and your wife  
have returned home from  
your temporary sojourn  
upon the rocks of Plymouth.

And hope you are now  
thinking of a visit to us,  
and to Mr & Mrs Gerrit  
Smith.

We have had a hot, un-  
comfortable summer.  
But it has past, and the  
coolness of Autumn has  
come to revive us.

I hope you and Helen and  
that naughty daughter are  
now planning to come and  
make us a visit, and then  
go to Petuboro. Mr & Mrs

Smith, I know, are depending  
upon having you at  
their house. And a delight-  
ful home it is. It would  
do you all good to spend  
a week with them.

I write now to expedite  
your coming here if I  
can. For we are expecting  
Charlotte home early in  
October. She has been ab-  
sent so long, that she has  
promised to come with her  
husband and children  
and stay with us sever-  
al weeks, before she  
goes to house keeping.

I have many things to  
say to you. We are working  
hard for the Freedmen,  
and the field of labor  
seems to enlarge as we  
advance into it.

I hope the state of the country will be such, next Dec. when we meet in Philadelphia to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Amer. Anti Slavery Society - I hope the certainty of the overthrow of the "peculiar Institution" will then be so obvious, that we shall be justified in dissolving our Anti Slavery Society - and reorganize the elements of it into a Society for the improvement of the condition of the colored population & all the people who have been especially damaged by Slavery.

By the bye, I heartily concur in the wish expressed to you by Oliver Johnson

that you would write  
a Memoir of what has  
been done for the over-  
throw of Slavery since  
1830. It ought to be done,  
and nobody can do it  
half so well as yourself.  
But we will talk this  
and other matters over  
when you come. Write  
immediately and let  
me know that we may  
expect you next week  
or the week after.

Yours affectionately  
Samuel J. May

P.S. What a pity that Gerrit  
Smith should express him-  
self just as he has done, es-  
pecially in his speech here  
last week. Many honestly mis-  
understand him - and many  
more choose to believe he  
has renounced his faith in <sup>Jesus</sup> anti-<sub>slavery</sub>